

REMARKS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicant basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Cancel original claims 1 - 4 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Add new claims 16 - 20, including new independent claims 16 - 18 and 20.
4. Amend claim 6 to depend on new claim 16.
5. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b) stand rejected as being anticipated by JP Patent 11-305250 to Yamamoto et al. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP Patent 09-288278 to Maruyama. Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP Patent 11-305250 to Yamamoto et al. Claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP Patent 09-288278 to Maruyama. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Each of independent claims 16 - 18 and 20 are directed to semiconductor devices wherein a flexible substrate has a prefabricated folded part as shown in Fig. 8(a) of the present application. The claim language requires that an end portion of the flexible substrates be folded almost in contact with a back surface of said flexible substrate. Support for such claim language resides throughout the original disclosure, including (for

example) page 8, lines 1 - 3 and the figures. A prefabricated or pre-folded flexible substrate is not taught or suggested in the applied references.

In both JP Patent 11-305250 to Yamamoto et al. and JP Patent 09-288278 to Maruyama an edge of the flexible substrate is folded and fixed when the flexible substrate is attached to the liquid crystal display panel. Unlike the present invention, neither applied reference discloses or suggests a flexible substrate with an edge folded before attachment to another component.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

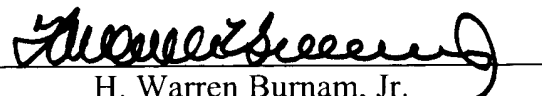
In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims rejections should be withdrawn. A formal indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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